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	AA	7-105233	4/1995	Japan				✓

**OTHER DOCUMENTS** *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

AB	"Type Classification and Retrieval Using an Internet Multilateral Retrieval System OTROS-Structural Features", Information Processing Society of Japan, 57th National Convention Proceedings (3), PP 145-146, 1998).

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